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Farm Work for January.

The first business in order is to settle up all outstanding accounts. Farmers have the reputation generally of being a prompt-paying class, but it is often a convenience for them to have open accounts with their neighbors. The black-

and the shoemaker, have done various jobs or furnished supplies for the family, and have had corn, oats, potatoes and hay in return, so that accounts are very nearly balanced, but this should not be considered a good reason for neglecting a full and final settlement at the beginning of the year. If there are any little bills

due they should be made out and presented for payment; and then all little debts which have been incurred during the year can be paid with the proceeds.— With a little more care and attention in collecting and paying out, a very small sum of money can be made to settle a great many bills, and close a great many outstanding accounts, which, if suffered to get old and musty, are apt to cause a great deal of trouble and ill-feeling sometimes. Of course in the general settlements, the printer will be remembered;

The snow has made good sledding, and there are few farmers to whom it has not proved a blessing. To say nothing of the advantage to the future crops of grass and winter grain, of a good fall of snow before the severe cold weather fairly sets in, the farmer experiences a great benefit in the facilities which it affords for

his crop to market. It is of little consequence now how rough and uneven the by-roads may be which lead to the swamps and wood lots, for the snow has evened up the inequalities where the wheels used to stick in the mud, and the oxen can draw great loads at a lively pace to such a point as will be convenient for future

The difference between profitable and unprofitable labor, consists in a great measure in the facility with which a person sees how all the little changing circumstances of every day life may be made to assist him in doing more work, or doing it better within a given time.

Talking about snow, reminds us to suggest that the luxury of ice in the

warm season, is one which no farmer can afford to dispense with. With a few beards and shingles, and a cord or two of saw-dust or tan, any person who can use hammer, axe and saw, may make his own ice-house; and two or three days labor

with hired man and team, will suffice to gather a crop sufficient for the largest family during the whole warm season.— Besides the comfort and convenience of having plenty of ice always accessible, there is an economy in it which no prudent farmer should forego, as he will be enabled to preserve many articles of food and to keep them for the use of his family.

which in the sultry hearts of summer would otherwise be wasted.

We have had but few days of severe cold weather as yet, but we suppose the old proverb that "As the days begin to lengthen, the cold begins to strengthen."

will ere long prove true, of the present season. As yet the frost has not penetrated our barn cellars so as to prevent the working over of manure, and there will not be a more favorable time for hauling out all that is sufficiently com-

posted while the sledding lasts to the fields where it will be wanted in the spring. Every day's labor of this kind performed in January, will save a day's labor in planting time, and be so much clear gain in the season when the teams

Too much care cannot be taken of the stock at this season. Feed the poorest hay when the appetite is the sharpest, and do not neglect to have salt within reach of all animals of the farm, not ex-

In stormy or very cold days the vegetables in the cellar should be attended to, and all rotten or decayed ones removed.

at once. If the potatoes were not assorted when dug, it is well to do it in this month, and remove those of medium size for seed. The small ones should not be saved for that purpose, but should be given to the calves or poultry.

that potatoes boiled and mixed with meal, while hot, are a better egg-producing food in winter than either corn or meal, and that at the present price of eggs it is worth while to take especial

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